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US VETO FORTUNATELY CAME AT THREE AYEM LOCAL TIME AFTER MOST DAILIES WENT TO PRESS. SEMI-OFFICIAL AL RAIY WAS ONLY DAILY TO CARRY STORY WHICH IT BANNERED UNDER EIGHT COLUMN HEADLINE: AMERICAN VETO AGAINST RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE BENEFITED ARABS.

JORDAN-SPONSORED TV CLOSED DOWN AT ELEVEN THIRTY BEFORE VETO. GOVERNMENT RADIO THUS FAR HAS BEEN PLAYING STORY STRAIGHT AS LEAD ITEM.

AL RAIY'S STORY FROM ITS UN CORRESPONDENT CAME EITHER VIA TELEX OR RADIO AND WAS CARRIED IN BOLD TYPE ON PAGE ONE WITH NO JUMP INSIDE. STORY HIGHLIGHTED USA ISOLATION ON UNSC AS SOLE "NO" VOTER, BUT OBSERVED AMB. MOYNIHAN SAID U.S. HAS NO OBJECTION "AGAINST THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ASPIRATIONS OF THE PALESTINIANS" AND REPORTED PLO

DELEGATE SAID U.S. VETO "NOT STRANGE NOR UNEXPECTED."

WHILE AL DUSTOUR DAILY MISSED VETO STORY, ITS
FRONT PAGE WAS LITTERED WITH HEADLINES ON DEBATE, ARAB/ISRAELI
CONFLICT AND AMERICA'S ROLE IN IT.

LEAD HEAD SAID RABIN WAS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS
BAD RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND ISRAEL; BRITIAN ASKS FOR
SOME CHANGES IN RESOLUTION OF NEUTRAL COUNTRIES TO
INCLUDE 242 AND 338; ISRAELI MINDEFENSE URGES CHRISTIAN
LEBANESE TO TAKE REFUGE IN ISRAEL, AND FIFTY SIX HUNDRED
MILLION DOLLAR AMERICAN ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL.
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